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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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1. **(Currently Amended)** A pulse jet printhead comprising:
 - (a) a multiple die printhead comprising:
 - (i) an orifice plate comprising a plurality of orifices; and
 - (ii) a plurality of thermal printhead dies present on a surface of said orifice plate in operational alignment with said orifices to **produce at** ~~produce~~ a least one firing chamber; and
 - (b) a volume of an aqueous fluid that includes a biopolymer or precursor thereof in said at least one firing chamber.
2. **(Original)** The pulse jet printhead according to Claim 1, wherein said printhead comprises from 2 to about 10 printhead dies.
3. **(Original)** The pulse jet printhead according to Claim 2, wherein said printhead comprises from 2 to 5 printhead dies.
4. **(Original)** The pulse jet printhead according to Claim 3, wherein said printhead comprises 3 printhead dies.
5. **(Original)** The pulse jet printhead according to Claim 1, wherein each of said printhead dies is a thermal pulse jet printhead die and comprises at least one resistor element on a surface of a semiconductor substrate.
6. **(Original)** The pulse jet printhead according to Claim 1, wherein said biopolymer is selected from the group consisting of polypeptides and nucleic acids.
7. **(Original)** The pulse jet printhead according to Claim 1, wherein said precursor thereof is selected from the group consisting of amino acids and nucleotides.

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8. **(Original)** The pulse jet printhead according to Claim 1, wherein said printhead is present in a printhead assembly that further includes at least one fluid reservoir in fluid communication with said firing chamber.
9. **(Original)** The pulse jet according to Claim 8, wherein said fluid reservoir comprises said aqueous fluid that includes a biopolymer.
10. **(Original)** A pulse jet printhead assembly comprising:
 - (a) a multiple die printhead comprising:
 - (i) an orifice plate comprising a plurality of orifices; and
 - (ii) a plurality of thermal printhead dies present on a surface of said orifice plate in operational alignment with said orifices to produce a least one firing chamber; and
 - (b) at least one fluid reservoir, wherein said fluid reservoir is in fluid communication with said firing chamber.
11. **(Original)** The pulse jet printhead assembly according to Claim 10, wherein said printhead comprises from 2 to about 10 printhead dies.
12. **(Original)** The pulse jet printhead assembly according to Claim 11, wherein said printhead comprises from 2 to 5 printhead dies.
13. **(Original)** The pulse jet printhead assembly according to Claim 12, wherein said printhead comprises 3 printhead dies.
14. **(Original)** The pulse jet printhead assembly according to Claim 10, wherein said pulse jet printhead assembly is a thermal pulse jet printhead assembly and each of said printhead dies comprises at least one resistor element on a surface of a semiconductor substrate.

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15. **(Original)** The pulse jet printhead assembly according to Claim 10, wherein said reservoir contains a volume of an aqueous fluid that includes a biopolymer or precursor thereof.

16. **(Original)** The pulse jet printhead assembly according to Claim 15, wherein said biopolymer is selected from the group consisting of polypeptides and nucleic acids.

17. **(Original)** The pulse jet printhead assembly according to Claim 15, wherein said precursor thereof is selected from the group consisting of amino acids and nucleotides.

Claims 18.-28. **(Canceled)**

29. **(Original)** An automated pulse jet printing system, said system comprising a pulse jet printhead according to Claim 1.

30. **(New)** A pulse jet printhead comprising:

(a) a multiple die printhead comprising:

- (i) an orifice plate comprising a plurality of orifices; and
- (ii) a plurality of thermal printhead dies present on a surface of said orifice plate in operational alignment with said orifices to produce at least one firing chamber; and

(b) a volume of an aqueous fluid that includes nucleic acids or nucleotides in said at least one firing chamber.

31. **(New)** The pulse jet printhead according to Claim 30, wherein said printhead comprises from 2 to about 10 printhead dies.

32. **(New)** The pulse jet printhead according to Claim 31, wherein said printhead comprises from 2 to 5 printhead dies.

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33. **(New)** The pulse jet printhead according to Claim 32, wherein said printhead comprises 3 printhead dies.
34. **(New)** The pulse jet printhead according to Claim 30, wherein each of said printhead dies is a thermal pulse jet printhead die and comprises at least one resistor element on a surface of a semiconductor substrate.
35. **(New)** The pulse jet printhead according to Claim 30, wherein said printhead is present in a printhead assembly that further includes at least one fluid reservoir in fluid communication with said firing chamber.